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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Dear Lord, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

At the end of the week, we use this moment to be reminded of Your presence, and to tap the resources needed by the Members of this people's House to do their work as well as it can be done in the days remaining in the 116th Congress.

May they be led by Your spirit in the decisions they make. May they possess Your power as they steady themselves amid the pressures of persistent problems.

May their faith in You deliver them from tensions that make fruitful legislative work difficult, and from worries that might wear them out.

In the final days of this Congress, may they do their best to find solutions to pressing issues facing our Nation during these stressful times of coronavirus.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. PHILLIPS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PHILLIPS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

WE MUST RISE TO THE OCCASION

(Mr. PHILLIPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, the foundation of America's greatness stems from its remarkable ability—our remarkable ability—to meet the moment during times of crisis.

Whether our foremothers and forefathers faced threats from overseas, economic depressions, natural disasters, or attacks on our own soil, they rose to the occasion. They met the moment, and history shined favorably upon their legacies.

And now it is our turn.

The pandemic is an enemy that has already killed 276,000 of our neighbors across the Nation, and by the time it is over, it will have likely claimed more lives—American lives—than World War II.

Families are hungry, restaurants and businesses are closing, millions are unemployed, and each one of them is waiting on us.

But common ground has been found, my friends. A bipartisan, bicameral framework awaits our action. Time is short, the need is great, and I implore that we all come together and get it done.

COMMENDING THE CENTRAL TEXAS FOOD BANK

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Central Texas Food Bank for being a leader in the fight against hunger and for their commitment to serving our community over the last 40 years.

Their generosity and dedication to our Texas neighbors is at the heart of the American story. Last year alone, they provided 39 million meals to central Texas families, including those in Burnet, Coryell, Bell, Lampasas, Hays, and Travis Counties in the 25th District.

I was grateful for the opportunity this fall to join them distributing food to veterans and their families in the Austin area, and I look forward to working together in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the volunteers who are working around the clock to provide food for families during a time that has presented unique and unforeseen challenges, especially as we celebrate this holiday season. By

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